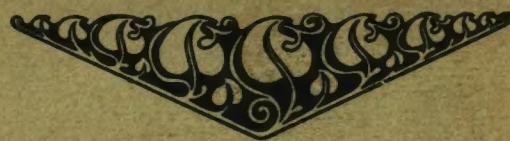


BELVIDERE

ILLINOIS



Resources—Advantages—Opportunities

BELVIDERE

COUNTY SEAT, BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

ARTICLES—ALSO INTERESTING VIEWS OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, CHURCHES,
SCHOOLS, STREET SCENES, RIVER SCENES, HANDSOME
RESIDENCES AND INDUSTRIES
OF THE CITY.



The Object of This Book:

TO ACQUAINT THE OUTSIDE WORLD WITH OUR
CITY, ITS RESOURCES, ADVANTAGES
AND OPPORTUNITIES.



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FOREWORD.

The presentation in pictorial form of the story of Belvidere as it is today, a story of progress and achievement—will be of value to the open mind of the stranger. Our purpose has been to record honestly and present only facts, free from exaggeration. Effort has been made to publish herein such information of every sort, as may prove of immediate interest and value to persons in search of an advantageous location for business, a desirable place of residence, or both.

Belvidere invites live-wire business men; who have initiative, salesmanship and courage. These are the weapons of commerce that make for success.



City Hall.



Boone County Court House.

THE BELVIDERE COMMERCIAL CLUB.

The civic, commercial and industrial forces of a community find their best opportunities for expansion through the medium of a well constructed organization among the citizens, and the Belvidere Commercial Club was established for the general good of the whole city.

The membership of the club represents the spirit of progress, and embraces men who are identified with every legitimate line of business and profession, who stand ready to lend their aid and encouragement to any projects which tends to the promotion of the city's welfare in any way.

The importance of maintaining an aggressive commercial organization is self-evident. It is an incentive for the citizens. It is a trademark of public spirit. It serves as a guidepost to the stranger, giving him both welcome and encouragement. Without such an organization there would be no opportunity for co-operative advice, for community work, for shoulder-to-shoulder effort.

No live city ever reaches the goal of its ambition. There is much to be done in Belvidere and the work will never be finished. Co-operation and action are essential to attain success.

The Commercial Club seeks new industries to locate in Belvidere and can offer attractive inducements to meritorious propositions.

The Belvidere Commercial Club has fine commodious club rooms, located in the business center of the city, which include a large assembly hall, billiard room, reading and card room and the secretary's office. The club has a membership of over one hundred and fifty.



South State Street—Business District.



South State Street—Business District.

THE U. S. POST OFFICE SERVICE.

The Post Office is quartered in a large new commodious building located near the very heart of the business district of the city, and cost \$75,000.00.

Few cities of its size enjoy any better mail service. All modern improvements and the latest facilities for the expeditious handling of the mail are used for good service. The city has free delivery, with three deliveries each day in the business section and two in the residence. Six rural routes are served. The annual receipts approximate \$25,000 and employment given to twenty-five people.



Post Office.



Ida Public Library.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Public Library is a beautiful commodious, new, modern building in every respect, located near the business district. The range of literature is the same as in all well regulated libraries and covers the standard works of history, fiction, science, religion, biography, etc. From an educational standpoint, the reference department is most important, thereby aiding in improving the educational advantages of the city in a valuable way. There is at present over 15,000 volumes on file.

THE BOONE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.

whose headquarters are in Belvidere, aims to render a charitable, public service in helping build up the good interests of the community by conserving the most valuable thing in any community—the lives of its defenseless children and dumb animals.

REASONS WHY—MANUFACTURERS SEEKING NEW LOCATION SHOULD COME TO BELVIDERE.

It is seventy-five miles west of Chicago, and only two and a half hour's ride. Chicago is the greatest distributing market in the world and is destined to become the largest city in the world.

Passenger service is excellent in every direction.

Factory sites are available along railroads at very low prices.

Our financial institutions are solid and progressive, with a disposition to invite, and encourage healthy industries.

Freight is handled with remarkable precision and dispatch.

The geographical location in the heart of the great middle west commends Belvidere to manufacturers.

Families can live better here for the same money, than in almost any other place.

We have good educational advantages, many churches and parks.

There is a high class of citizenship, a high class of labor

and healthy surroundings—the people are law-abiding. Industry and sobriety are their characteristics.

Our factory employes are highly skilled and intelligent. A great many own their own homes.

There are no labor unions here and labor troubles are unknown.

Hardly a class of manufacturing can be suggested which might not be carried on here successfully.

Over fifty million people live within a night's ride.

You will make no mistake by locating in Belvidere, as it is near to producers and to purchasers.

By bringing your factory to Belvidere you will reap the benefits of a rich territory and always be sure of your market.

Manufacturers will receive quick shipments of the products on account of Belvidere being a very large freight terminal transfer.



South State Street—Residence Section.



North State Street—Residence Section.



Soldier's Monument.

A GREATER BELVIDERE.

Today our city stands firmly in the business world and in the eyes of the public as a clean, moral, residence city.

Through the large industries here, Belvidere has received extensive advertising and it remains for the City Boosters to continue the good work and tell more about our many advantages, resources, opportunities and future prospects.

The factors in a city's growth and progress are men, money and manufacturing. The more of each of these that come to our city, the greater and better for our city. We already have a solid foundation, and through co-operation can make Belvidere bigger and better.

This publication gives a true picture of activity in an ambitious community and justifies a laudable pride in present accomplishments and is an inspiring incentive for future efforts. It indicates a milestone on the road of progress and shows what intelligent, persistent strivings for betterment will do.

HEALTH CONDITIONS.

Belvidere is one of the healthiest cities in the United States of the same population, as our records will show. Its natural lay is high and dry, with a good natural drainage. The streets are clean and sanitary conditions prevail. The water system is owned by the city and the supply obtained from deep wells. The analysis of the water shows it to be pure, wholesome and healthful.

AN IDEAL RESIDENCE CITY.

Belvidere is known as one of the most beautiful and charming of residence cities, blessed with superior educational, religious and social advantages. It is picturesquely located on the banks of the Kishwaukee River.

In a stroll through the residence section, one will at once notice its many attractive residences, sheltered under the foliage of majestic trees and surrounded by large well kept lawns.

The rolling topography of the city adds to its attractiveness. The streets are straight and wide, nearly all of them being adorned with massive shade trees which spread out their branches until they almost meet in the center of the street.

Sordid commercialism has not crowded out the more essential spirit of the American home and there are few cities of the same population, where the people own their own homes and live in such cleanliness and comfort.

The city is not crowded for breathing space, but one with great opportunities for securing excellent sites for homes at very reasonable terms and prices.

The population is made up of nearly all American born people and Belvidere is noted among other things for the unusually high character of its citizens.

THE BOONE COUNTY AUTOMOBILE CLUB.

The Boone County Automobile Club was organized in Belvidere, November 10, 1913 and the membership is nearly 200, all of whom are automobile owners.



Y. M. C. A. Building.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The Y. M. C. A. is among Belvidere's oldest institutions, organized in 1902. It has grown and thrived until it owns a large commodious building in the very heart of the city. Our citizens are proud of this institution, which stands for enlightenment, bodily health, mental vision, social welfare, spiritual power, all developed to the highest degree—is the ideal of this association. It is for all who aspire for better things, being non-sectarian and for men and boys from every calling of life.

The Y. M. C. A. building contains pleasant, comfortable reading rooms, well equipped gymnasium, swimming pool, bowling alleys, etc.

Many classes of instruction are maintained, as well as socials and excellent high-class entertainments provided.

THE CITY WATER SUPPLY.

The water works is owned by the city and the supply for the city's consumption is obtained from three artesian wells, each nearly 2,000 feet deep.

The engines in the pumping works have a capacity of pumping 2,000,000 gallons daily. There is a large reservoir with a capacity of 500,000 gallons. The average daily consumption is 275,000 gallons.

The analysis shows it tested 99 per cent. pure and to be wholesome and healthful.

There are nearly 2,000 places served with water, which is sold by meter at a low rate. The rate is lower than in any other city of the same population.

Public drinking fountains, watering troughs and 200 fire hydrants are maintained.



Residence of Mr. F. S. Rowan.

CHARMING SCENES ALONG THE KISHWAUKEE RIVER NEAR BELVIDERE.

The beautiful valley along the picturesque Kishwaukee River lends a charm to the pleasure seeker and affords inducements for boating, fishing, swimming, camping and outing parties. There are many cool retreats and shady groves along its banks where you may receive health and joy in the life-giving air and sunshine in the unspoiled country.

OUR CLUBS, LODGES AND SOCIETIES.

Belvidere is particularly rich with its woman's clubs, lodges, societies, etc., which all have a good membership. While their charters call for all sorts of objects, studies, etc. the social feature is dominant in all and many pleasures are derived from their connection as is proven by the success and life of these organizations.



Boat House—Kishwaukee River.

OUR SOCIAL LIFE.

Though our citizens disclaim any pretensions to being any more highly cultured than other people, there exists an ideal social life among them.

The presence of many churches, clubs, schools, lodges, woman's clubs, Chautauqua and other numerous societies, all contribute and share in the entertainment and social features of the city. The newcomer soon finds a welcome, and a home, so at once becomes a participant in Belvidere's truest pleasure—social intercourse, founded upon the hospitality of her people.

BELVIDERE'S WEALTH.

According to our population, the wealth of Belvidere per capita is one of the highest in the state. But far more important than this is the fact that this wealth is very equitably distributed.

Many of the retired farmers who have become well-to-do from the rich agricultural lands nearby, make Belvidere their home.

COMPANY M, ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD.

Company M, Third Infantry I. N. G. is stationed in Belvidere. The company was mustered in May 15, 1914 with 45 men, and drills every Monday night in the Commercial Club Hall, where the company headquarters are located.

COUNTY FAIR AT BELVIDERE.

Under the auspices of the Boone County Agricultural Society a County Fair has been held in Belvidere during the first week in September, for fifty-three years.

The fair grounds are ample, with substantial exhibition buildings, pavilions, grand stand and a half mile race track. The week of the fair is a festival occasion in Belvidere and always draws the largest of crowds to the city.



Logan Avenue—Residence Section.



West Boone Street—Showing Residence of Mrs. K. E. Rhinehart.

BELVIDERE'S EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES.

The cause of education has always received constant and loyal support from our people. In attendance, efficiency and in administration the schools of the city stand in the front rank. The salary schedule is excellent, affording a well qualified, well trained corps of teachers, and our schools are a source of pride and satisfaction to every citizen.

Our schools are well housed in four grade school buildings and a high school building, well heated and ventilated. There is a total enrollment of 1337 pupils and 57 teachers and instructors.

Belvidere schools offer in the curriculum all branches of study that the present day ideas of education demand,

including art, music, commercial, sewing, manual training and agriculture.

There are over 300 pupils in the high school and its graduates are admitted to any college or university without examination, upon presenting their credits from our institution.

No municipal asset is more valuable or means so much to the public at large, as a city's school system, and Belvidere has just cause to be proud of its fine schools.

In addition to the public schools there are several parochial, private and business schools, which afford a broad range of study.



High School, and Washington School at Left.



Lincoln School.



Perry School.



St. James Parochial School.



Logan School.



Interior of Majestic Theatre.



ILLINOIS SANITARIUM
1004 North State Street.

Katherine Hardy, M. T. D.,
Manager.

Clara McCracken, M. D.,
House Physician.

Mud Baths, Electric Light Baths, Hot and Cold Air Baths, Vibratory and Electric Massage, Microscopic and Chemical Examination of Bodily Fluids. Excellent Hospital Facilities for Surgical Operations. Separate Treatment Apartments; Nurses and Attendants. Special Attention Given to Chronic Cases.



ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS.

St. Joseph's Hospital is in charge of the sisters of St. Joseph's, and is large, modern and well equipped, for the care and comfort of patients. An able and efficient medical staff are in attendance and people of any denomination are alike welcome.

The Boone County Alms House is well housed for the comfort and care of its inmates. It is located two miles north of the city.

The Illinois Sanitarium is a private institution, well equipped for the treatment and care of rheumatism, chronic cases, etc.

The Belvidere Public Hospital Association is a new general hospital, thoroughly equipped and to maintain an efficient staff and trained nurses.

OUR CITY GOVERNMENT.

Belvidere is governed by a mayor and ten aldermen, representing the five wards of the city, together with a number of officials representing the various departments. The city has always been fortunate in its choice of public officials and the reins of government have been in the hands of most capable administrators.

The Fire Department is composed of eight paid men. Two stations are maintained, with combination wagon, ladder truck, four horses, 2,400 feet of hose, life net and other apparatus. 200 fire hydrants are in service.

The Police Department is made up of a chief and six men. The lack of burglary, robbery, etc. is our best evidence of an efficient police service, and Belvidere is a very orderly city.

BELVIDERE BANKS.



THE PEOPLES BANK,

Capital Stock, \$75,000. Surplus and undivided profits, \$110,000.

Officers:

Frank S. Whitman, President.
John C. Foote, Vice-President.

B. F. Harnish, Cashier.
W. G. Greenlee, Assistant Cashier.



FARMERS STATE BANK,

Opened for business January 23, 1908. Deposits Over Half a Million.
Capital Stock, \$75,000. Surplus and Undivided Profits, \$35,000.

Officers:

Charles G. Meyers, President.
S. L. Covey, Vice-President.

A. Gates White, Cashier.
Alfred C. Meyers, Assistant Cashier.
Charles Harvey, Bookkeeper.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES OF BELVIDERE.

The Public Utilities Company have all kept pace with the growth and progress of the city and not only meet the wants of their patrons, but also try to anticipate them whenever possible, thus striving to do their share in municipal development.

STREET RAILWAY.

The electric street railway is owned and operated by the Elgin and Belvidere Electric Co. and the service is run on regular schedule, giving service from the business district to the residential section.

GAS.

Gas is supplied by the Illinois Northern Utilities Co. and with many miles of gas mains it covers every part of the city.

The rates are low, service good and supply sufficient for much larger demand.

ELECTRICITY.

Nearly all the business places and industries use electricity, as well as a great many of the private residences. Belvidere is one of the best lighted cities in Illinois, over 150 arc lamps are in service for street lighting.

POWER

Electrical energy for manufacturing purposes is furnished at low rates. The electric plant is owned and operated by the Illinois Northern Utilities Co. and is well equipped with ample capacity, so that light, heat or power can be supplied in any amount and to suit all requirements.

HEAT

For the business district and some of the residence section is furnished by the I. N. U. Co., from their central plant at low rates.

TELEPHONES.

The Belvidere Telephone Company began business December, 1894 with seventy telephones in use. Today it operates fifteen hundred telephones in the city and has local connection with twenty-two hundred telephones, having a working connection with the Bell Long Distance Lines, making its service complete and efficient, taking advantage of every improvement in the Art. The result has been a satisfied patronage and a growing business. Its management has been the same since its organization.

Good telephone service is a potent influence in the commercial expansion of a city.

BELVIDERE INDUSTRIES.

BELVIDERE CEMENT PRODUCT CO.
BELVIDERE RENDERING WORKS.
BELVIDERE MARBLE & GRANITE WORKS.
BELVIDERE CYCLE & SUPPLY SHOP.
BELVIDERE DYEING & CLEANING WORKS.
BELVIDERE SCREW & MACHINE CO.
BELVIDERE TELEPHONE CO.
BELVIDERE BOTTLING WORKS.
BORDENS CONDENSED MILK CO.
CITY STEAM LAUNDRY.
GOSSARD CORSET FACTORY.
ILLINOIS NORTHERN UTILITIES CO.
JOURNAL PRINTING SHOP.
KEENE-BELVIDERE CANNING FACTORY.
LYON & ANDERSON GREENHOUSES.
NATIONAL SEWING MACHINE CO. FACTORY.
PARSONS CASKET HARDWARE CO. FACTORY.
PLANE SCREEN DOOR CO. FACTORY.
REPUBLICAN PRINTING CO. PLANT.
SCRITSMEIR & LAMPERT MACHINE SHOP.
WRIGHT LUMBER & COAL YARDS.
WAIT'S CREAMERY.

BELVIDERE'S EARLY HISTORY.

In August, 1835, Ebenezer Peck and Dr. Goodhue came out from Chicago on a prospecting tour, and admiring the situation, of which is now the site of North Belvidere, purchased the claims. The name Belvidere was given in honor of Mr. Peck's native place in Canada. In October, 1835, a census gave the population as thirty-seven men, women and children.

The land was platted in June, 1836 and placed on the market.

In June, 1836, the state road was located, with Belvidere on the route. In December, 1836, a post office was established. In 1838, bids for a court house were solicited, but not until 1843 was the building completed. The present court house was occupied in September, 1855.

In 1847 Belvidere was organized as a town, but in March, 1857 it was incorporated as a town with a special charter.

The first bridge across the river was erected in 1837, at what is now State street.

The first railroad (now the C. & N. W.) came in 1852, and it located on the south side of the river, which made it practicable in developing and extending the town. The building of houses began and in time the center of trade gravitated to the new division, with a resulting increase in population.

Belvidere was incorporated as a city in 1882.



J. R. BALLIET,
Pianos and Musical Instruments. 403 South State St.



O. H. WRIGHT & CO.
(Incorporated)
O. H. Wright, Pres. and Tres. J. G. Tripp, Vice Pres. W. H. Cornell, Sec'y
Lumber and Fuel.
Wholesale and Retail. 323 S. State St.

BELVIDERE'S MANUFACTURING INTERESTS.

There are ten separate manufacturing plants in successful operation in Belvidere, which give employment to nearly 2,000 people and the combined monthly pay roll is approximately \$50,000.

Our industries are all soundly built, firmly propped by the financial resources of our city, fostered by the loyalty of the people and the spirit which such industries engender, is the spirit which we offer to the manufacturer who seeks it and deserves it. This means that the environments and spirit of Belvidere are genial and conducive to success.

Our manufacturing plants are as follows:

BELVIDERE'S LARGEST INDUSTRY.

The National Sewing Machine Company was established in Belvidere in July, 1886 as the June Manufacturing Company, the factory buildings being ready for occupancy in November, 1887 and the present name was adopted in 1890.

The citizens of Belvidere point with pride—a pardonable pride—to this immense industrial institution. It ranks with the largest and most completely equipped factories in the world of its kind and furnishes employment and means of livelihood to over fifty per cent. of our population.

The plant of the National Sewing Machine Company is composed of thirteen different buildings, covering fourteen acres of ground. These buildings while used for separate and distinct purposes are in reality one great building joined together for convenience's sake. All the buildings are equipped throughout with an elaborate and complete system of automatic fire protection. The company operates its own electric light plant, and is splendidly well lighted throughout. It is heated by a system of steam pipes and an even temperature is maintained. The sanitary features are as near perfect as it is possible to secure in an establishment of this size.

The manufactured product is shipped to all parts of the world and thus makes Belvidere one of the most widely known cities of its size, in the country. The capacity of the Sewing Machine Division is 1200 sewing machines a day.

Employment is given about 1000 people.

The product of the company embraces family sewing machines of all types and description, high speed washing machines in various hand and power types, of sewing machine needles, screw machine products and gray iron castings.

THE BELVIDERE SCREW & MACHINE CO.

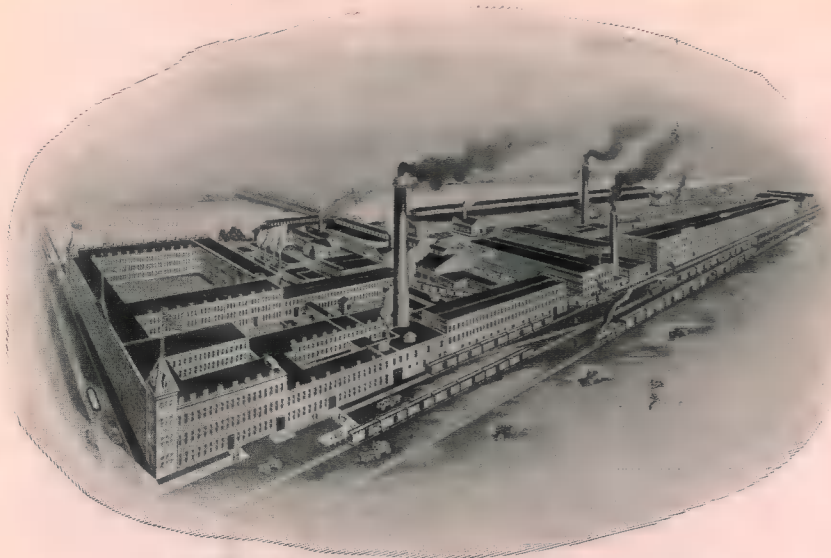
was established in 1911, equipped with the latest model automatic screw machines for the manufacture of screw machinery products and special machinery. Over 25 per cent. of their entire volume of business is derived from the manufacture of spark plugs. Employment is given to approximately 100 men, nearly all of whom are skilled mechanics.

THE PARSONS' CASKET HARDWARE CO.

employ some 25 men in the manufacture of high grade casket hardware and the yearly output is sufficient to trim 15,000 caskets. The business at present is confined to the territory in all the great middle west states, but their field of endeavor is limited only to the civilized world.



Kishwaukee River Scene.



NATIONAL SEWING MACHINE COMPANY

Works of the National Sewing Machine Company, Established 1886.
Covers Fourteen Acres. Capacity, 1200 Machines Daily.
Belvidere's Largest Industry.



PLANT OF WAIT'S CREAMERY,
Wholesale and Retail—Milk, Cream and Butter.



KEENE BELVIDERE CANNING COMPANY,
Packers of High Grade Corn and Peas



PARSONS CASKET HARDWARE COMPANY
Manufacturers of High Grade Casket Trimmings.

THE KEENE-BELVIDERE CANNING CO.

have a large plant here, well equipped and capable of packing and hauling over 80,000 cans per day. Ten men are employed the year around and during the months of June, July, August and October, employment is given to over 200 people.

THE HIGGINS CIGAR MANUFACTURING CO.

are the makers of only hand-made cigars and use only the best grade of domestic and imported tobacco. A five and ten cent cigar is made and in several sizes. Through their own process and care, an absolute uniformity is secured in the product. Steady employment is given to seventeen cigar makers and their capacity is in excess of 4000 cigars a day.

THE H. W. GOSSARD CO.

who are well known in the manufacture of corsets, have a large factory in Belvidere and give steady employment to 200 people.

THE BORDEN CONDENSED MILK CO.

plant at Belvidere, manufacture condensed milk entirely, using the product of over 200 dairies adjacent to the city. Dairymen deliver approximately 60,000 pounds of milk each day for which they receive a total of nearly \$400,000 annually. The finished product is shipped to all points of the United States and employment is given to some 40 people, nearly all of whom are male. Farm lands in this vicinity have advanced steadily in value, since the location of this plant here, nineteen years ago.

THE F. W. PLANE SCREEN DOOR CO.

was established in Belvidere in 1880 and have continued to manufacture screen doors and windows exclusively. Their product is shipped to all parts of the country.

THE BELVIDERE CEMENT PRODUCTS CO.

are manufacturers of cement tile, building blocks and numerous other cement products and in season give employment to 35 people.

ILLINOIS NORTHERN UTILITIES CO.

furnishes all electricity and gas for Belvidere, and in addition, have transmission lines leading out of Belvidere to surrounding towns. Belvidere is the headquarters in this territory, five cities and towns, being supplied with electric power from their large power house in Belvidere.

WAIT'S CREAMERY

This plant has been in continuous operation in Belvidere for over twenty years and its average daily churning is nearly 500 pounds of butter or 175,000 pounds a year. This plant is sanitary in every way, modernly equipped and up-to-date. It has five wagons delivering pastuerized milk and cream to the city trade each day.



Kishwaukee River Scene.

BELVIDERE'S BANKING FACILITIES.

There are two national banks and two state banks in Belvidere and each are doing a successful and prosperous business. The stockholders and officers are among the wealthiest and ablest business men of the city. The banks have always maintained a reputation of the highest order for superior management of affairs, carefully guarding the interests of their depositors and in being ready to extend credit to those entitled to recognition.

At the present time the total resources of the banks reach over \$3,000,000 with deposits of over \$2,000,000, and are constantly growing at a rapid rate, thus eloquently testifying to the progress and conservative growth of the community.



LELAND HOTEL AND CAFE
Moderate Rates. 101-103-105 North State Street.
Merle W. Collins, Proprietor.

Upon the financial standing of the banks often depends the fortunes and misfortunes of their customers, and a feeling of confidence in these institutions gives an assurance to depositors, which is of the very highest importance in nearly all business transactions. It is most gratifying to here state our citizens feel secure and absolute safety in all their dealings with the local banks.

It can truly be said our banks have taken care of the various demands made upon them, and that they have been important factors in the progress and upbuilding of the community.



BELVIDERE HOTEL,
Located in the Business District. Reasonable Rates.

RAILROAD ADVANTAGES—STEAM AND ELECTRIC.

Belvidere is one of the important cities of Northern Illinois reached by the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, its history and that of the railroad being very closely related. This first railroad west of Chicago was built to this point in 1851 and the development of the railroad and Belvidere has been consistent with the progress of the west.

The Northwestern System comprising about 10,000 miles of the very best railroad and affording service to all points makes Belvidere an important distributing center. Two main lines of this system cross at Belvidere, the one to the south directly reaching two great coal producing sections of Illinois as well as other territory in this direction. The other main line gives access to the east and west and the north and northwest.

Numerous passenger trains give service in all directions, the 75 miles to Chicago being covered in fast time. Elgin, Rockford, Freeport, Beloit, Janesville, Sycamore and DeKalb are all nearby cities quickly reached from here.

The Northwestern has large freight terminal yards and freight warehouses at Belvidere affording expeditious dispatch of traffic to, from and via all points reached by this railway system.

Over 200 railroad employes with their families make their homes in Belvidere, and the monthly pay-roll to these employes is of much importance in a business way.

Belvidere's transportation service is certainly as complete as modern methods afford and furnishes industries and merchantile establishments with every requirement for the prompt handling of shipments.

The most important factor in the growth and development of a city, is its transportation facilities.

The interurban line affords the modern method of travel. Through its agency the city and country are closely and firmly linked together; the suburban home is made possible and ideal and the conveniences of the city are brought to the door of the farmer and the farmer can do his shopping in the city.

Two interurban electric lines operate from Belvidere. The Elgin and Belvidere Electric Co. have twenty-four passenger trains each day running to and from Belvidere to Elgin, where it makes connections with the electric roads to Chicago and to Aurora.

The Rockford and Interurban Electric Co. run twenty-four passenger trains to and from Belvidere each day, to Rockford, where connection is made with electric roads to Freeport and to Beloit and Janesville, Wisconsin.

Freight service is rendered by both these roads.



HOTEL JULIEN,
Belvidere's Leading Hotel.



CATLIN AND CORNISH,
Belvidere's Most Up-to-Date Shoe Store. 513 South State St.



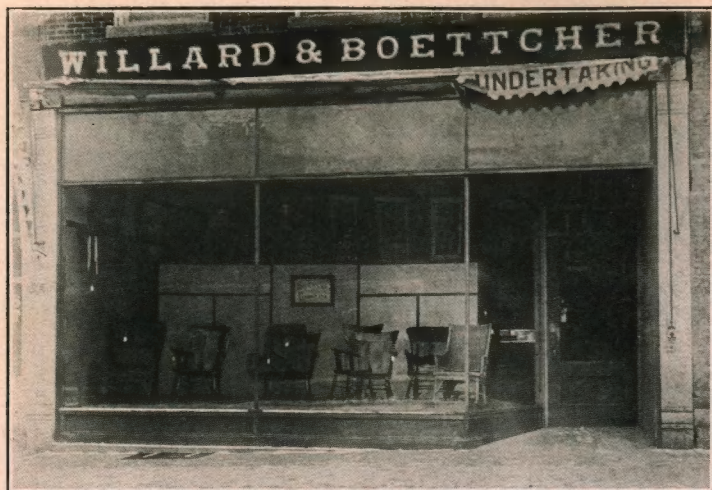
THE E. AND F. CLOTHING STORE
Edwards and Fassett. 134 North State Street.



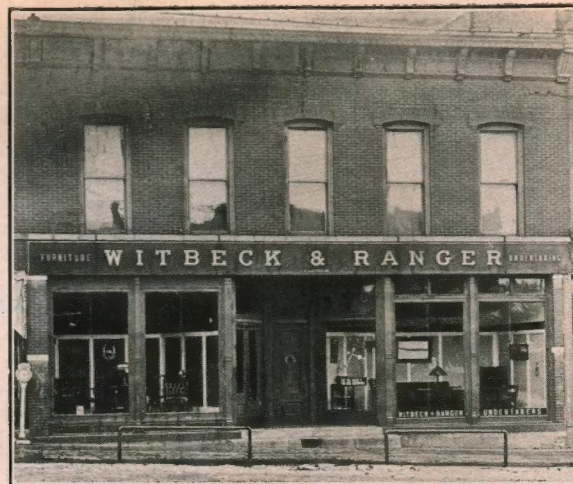
CORNELL AND REAM,
Belvidere's Leading Jewelers.



A. J. HOLMES AND COMPANY,
Dealers in Hardware. 406 South State Street.



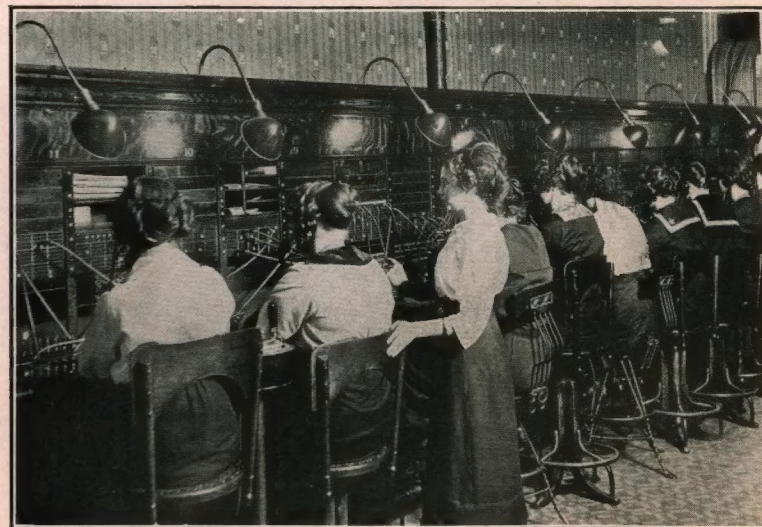
WILLARD AND BOETTCHER,
Furniture and Undertaking Establishment. 410 South State St.



WITBECK AND RANGER,
Furniture and Undertaking.



BELVIDERE'S DYERS AND CLEANERS,
"Where they clean clothes clean." High Grade Work. Goods Called for
and Delivered. 308 South State Street.



BELVIDERE TELEPHONE OPERATING ROOM.



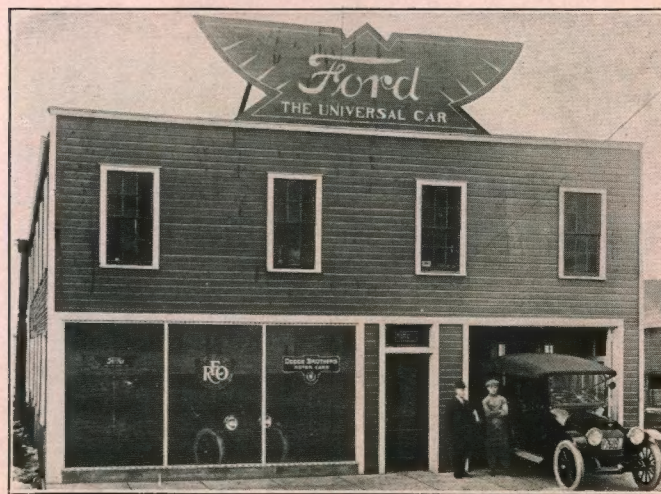
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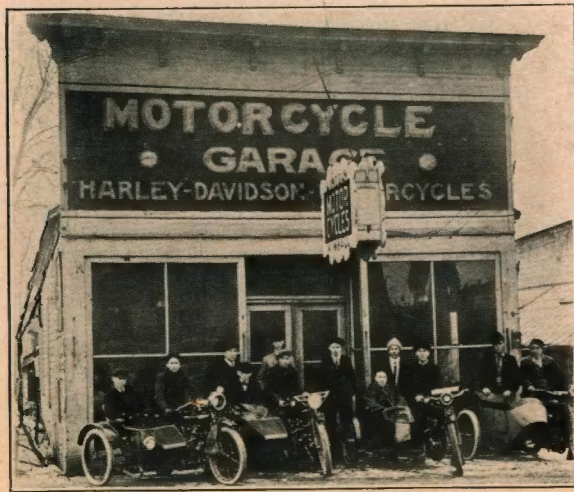
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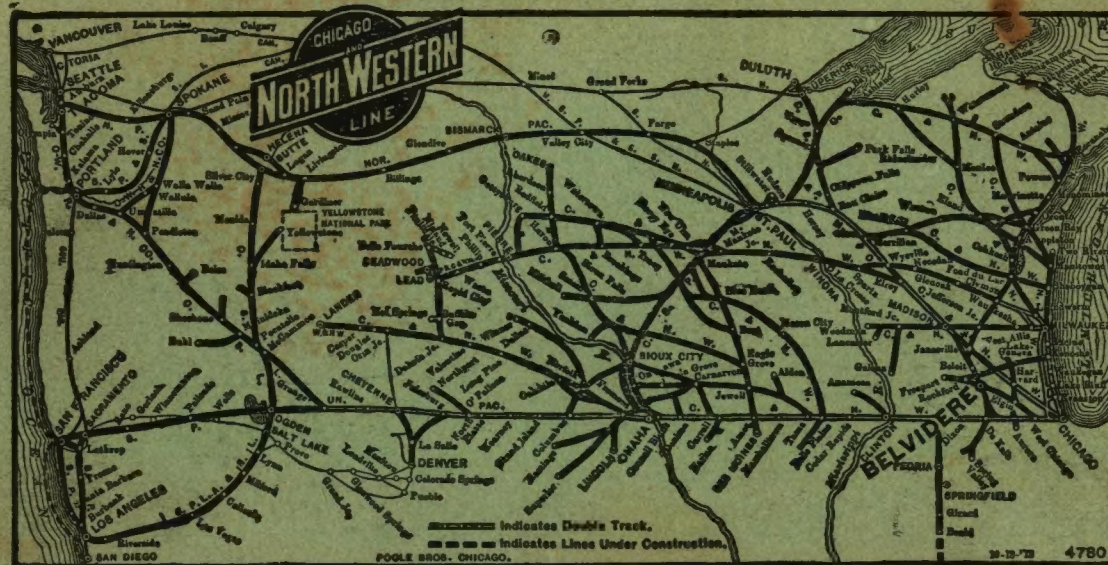


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